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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS FOURTH SESSION

Draft report

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Chapter ___

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 18 April to 3 May 1996. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to _____ meetings).

2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Cavalcanti (Brazil), who also made a statement.

3. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Commission.

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of _____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex _____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

5. At the 1st and 4th meetings, on 18 and 19 April 1996, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Rumen Gechev (Bulgaria)

Vice-Chairmen: Enrique Provencio (Mexico)
Paul de Jongh (Netherlands)
Adam Vai Delaney (Papua New Guinea)
Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago (United Republic of Tanzania)

6. At the 5th meeting, on 22 April 1996, Adam Vai Delaney (Papua New Guinea) was elected to serve also as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At the 1st meeting, on 18 April 1996, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.17/1996/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Cross-sectoral issues, with particular reference to the critical elements of sustainability (Agenda 21, chapters 2-5).

4. Financial resources and mechanisms (Agenda 21, chapter 33).

5. Review of cross-sectoral clusters:

   (a) Education, science and the transfer of environmentally sound technology, with particular reference to Agenda 21, chapters 34, 36 and 37;

   (b) Decision-making structures, with particular reference to Agenda 21, chapters 8 and 38-40;

   (c) Role of major groups, with particular reference to Agenda 21, chapters 23-32.

6. Review of sectoral clusters:

   (a) Protection of the atmosphere (Agenda 21, chapter 9) and protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas (Agenda 21, chapter 17);

   (b) Progress report of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests;

(c) Progress report on the implementation of the decisions made by the Commission at its second and third sessions.

7. Progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

8. Other matters.

9. High-level meeting.

10. Provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Commission.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fourth session.

E. Documentation

8. The documents before the Commission at its fourth session are listed in annex _____ to the present report.